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Dear Bernie:

Esther and I want to thank you again for the use of your apartment, though of course it was nothing like it would have been with the Davises.

I also want to let you know that I have written to Thimann formally asking to be withdrawn from consideration for the present position, mainly on the grounds that I could not make a decision for 18-24 months that would be needed to clear up other business, e.g., the organization of the department here as well as outstanding offers elsewhere.

Berkeley was very pleasant (it was 85° and sunny there; 31° and sleeting when I returned here). However, neither the administration nor I am quite ready to discuss binding commitments. Our formal position is therefore that we remain at Madison for the present, and what will come a propos Berkeley is for the fullness of time.

Best luck to you at Harvard.

Sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg